

C. H. BOWEN IS  
PRESIDENTCommercial Club Chose Officers, F.  
C. Murphy, First Vice  
President.

At the annual meeting of the Commercial Club held Tuesday night, Mr. C. H. Bowen was elected President, Mr. F. C. Murphy, First Vice President and Mr. H. I. Strother, Second Vice President.

The members certainly acted wisely in these selections for all of these gentlemen have been earnest, hard working members of the club since its organization, and the administration of the affairs of the club for the next year has again been put in the hands of efficient officers.

The directors elected for two years were Joe R. Martin, James Chambers, M. T. McEldowney, J. E. Grubbs, C. B. George, W. S. Duty, Jeff Stewart, J. I. Stokely.

The hold-over directors whose term of office will expire in January, 1910, are W. M. Beckner, R. R. Perry, Jno. E. Garner, J. W. Hollar, George E. Tomlinson, Ed. Smith, Jas. H. Martin and W. E. Curry. Mr. Jas. H. Martin and Mr. W. E. Curry were elected directors to fill the unexpired term of F. C. Murphy and H. I. Strother, they having been elected Vice President.

President Bowen will call a meeting of the directors early next week to discuss with him plans for next year's work, which will be fully set out in his inaugural message to the club on Thursday night, January 14. There are sixteen standing committees of the club, the chairman of each bring one of the directors. The President will appoint the chairman of each committee at the first meeting of the directors and the chairman, thus appointed will select, from the members of the club, those who will constitute that particular committee and make his report to the club on January 14. The directors will next week elect a secretary and treasurer.

COLD WAVE IS SAID TO  
BE COMING THIS WAYWeather Bureau Sends Out Special  
Prediction—Snow and Rain  
Forecast.

The following forecast has been issued by the Central office of the Weather Bureau at Washington:

A marked disturbance central Tuesday morning over Manitoba will move Southeastward during the next two days accompanied by general rains and snows over the Northern districts east of the Mississippi river with rising temperature, reaching the Central valleys and upper Lake region Tuesday night, and the Atlantic States Wednesday or Wednesday night.

The disturbance will be followed by a cold high area and the temperature will fall rapidly and decidedly over the Northwest Tuesday night, the Central Valley and upper Lake region Wednesday or Wednesday night, and the Eastern States Thursday and Friday, accompanied by fair weather that will probably continue Saturday and Sunday over the Atlantic States.

MISS JULIA SPURR  
HURT IN RUNAWAYWas Thrown From Buggy Monday  
Afternoon While Driving to  
Her Home.

Miss Julia Spurr, daughter of Mrs. Richard Spurr, was thrown from a buggy Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock while driving to her home on the Winchester pike and painfully injured.

Miss Spurr together with her mother was driving to her home, "Leaf-land," near Chilesburg, on the Winchester pike. When nearly home the horse she was driving became frightened and attempted to run away. She held tightly to the lines and was jerked from the buggy.

At first it was thought that she was seriously injured and Dr. Coons, a neighboring physician, was hurriedly summoned, but an examination proved that she had suffered only some severe cuts and bruises. She was reported to be somewhat improved yesterday.

AGAINST RAISE  
OF THE RATESMerchants Protective Association  
Takes Action on New Tele-  
phone Franchise Matter.

The annual meeting of the Merchants' Protective Association was held at the court house Tuesday night at which the following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

W. M. Duty, President.  
J. L. McCord, Vice President.  
J. T. Stokely, Treasurer.  
Waller Bean, Secretary.

After the transaction of the regular business the association then took up the matter of the new telephone franchise that has been offered for sale to the East Tennessee Telephone company and discussed it at length. The association, which is composed entirely of merchants, who are almost compelled to have two telephones in their business houses, took a firm stand against the sale of the franchise, providing for an increase in rates and appointed the following committee to draw up resolutions protesting against the sale and to present it to the next meeting of the City Council which will be Friday night: J. S. Winn, chairman; Matt Bean and J. L. McCord.

It is not the intention of the association to prevent the sale of the franchise to the East Tennessee Company, but they do protest against the increase in rates. Their petition to the council will ask that they make the rate in the new franchise the same as that in the other company's franchise and that neither be given the right to increase their rates.

F. C. Murphy, J. H. Martin and J. E. Grubbs were appointed a committee to make arrangements for a banquet to be given some time in the near future to the members of the association.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE  
IS TO MEET SATURDAYRepresentatives From Clark, Mont-  
gomery and Bourbon, Have  
Been Notified.

A call for a meeting of the Democratic Committee for this Senatorial District has been issued by Mr. John M. Stevenson, chairman of the Committee. The meeting will be held at Mr. Stevenson's office, this city, on Saturday, January 2, 1909, at 1:30 o'clock. This district is composed of the counties of Clark, Montgomery and Bourbon. All interested or all who have anything to present to the committee are asked to attend.

The committee will consider, among other things, the holding of a primary for the nomination of a Senator from this district. By the custom of the district, the Senator this time goes to Bourbon county. Hon. C. M. Thomas is at present the only announced candidate.

## DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

For County Offices in Morgan County

CAMPTON, Ky., Dec. 30.—The recent primary election held in Morgan county to select Democratic nominees for county officers resulted as follows: Judge, L. C. Ferguson; County Attorney, J. P. Hanly; Circuit Clerk, J. H. Sebastian; Circuit Clerk, R. M. Oakley; Sheriff, H. B. Brown; Jailor, H. C. Combs; County Superintendent, T. F. Barker; Assessor, Witt Kemplin.

At a recent mas meeting of the Democrats of the county the following persons were nominated for Magistrate in the various precincts of the county to be elected next November: Precinct No. 1, James Arnett; No. 2, Robert Brooks; No. 3, James M. Reynolds; No. 4, Clay Breder; No. 5, T. C. Hollon; No. 6, Isaac Combs; No. 7, Chilo Swango; No. 8, Marion Faulkner.

MATT YOUNG TO HAVE  
HEARING NEXT FRIDAYSlayer of Deputy Jailor Is Still Held  
In Jail at Nicholasville.

NICHOLASVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.—Matt Young, who killed Deputy Jailor Logan Young Saturday, and who was placed in jail Sunday, was taken before Judge Phillips yesterday morning and his trial was set for Friday, January 1.

HOME OF SWEDISH AND DANISH LEGATIONS AND WIVES OF  
MINISTERS.

The Swedish and Danish legations at Washington occupy the same building, and the social side of the two embassies is presided over by two as charming women as ever were connected with diplomatic society at the capital. Countess Moltke, wife of the new Danish minister, is young, beautiful and highly accomplished. Minister De Lagercrantz of the Swedish embassy is very wealthy, and his wife also is a woman of vast accomplishments. They are planning some of the most elaborate entertainments ever held at Washington.

CORRECTION AS TO SUPT.  
TANNER'S IMPRISONMENTOrder of Arrest Was First Issued By  
Plaintiff Instead of An  
Execution.

The attention of The News has been called to the fact that some of the statements in Tuesday's issue, in regard to Superintendent Tanner's imprisonment were incorrect and in justice to Mr. Tanner the following statement is made:

The plaintiff, Miss Stevenson under her judgment had the right to have issued and levied on her judgment, either a fieri facias execution, or an order of arrest known as a capias ad satisfaciendum, but the law does not permit both these writs to be executed at the same time.

In this case a capias, or order of arrest was first issued, and Mr. Tanner did not choose to go to jail, but under this order had to go to jail if he could not pay the \$5,000 and costs. He claims he was not able to pay the judgment and there was nothing for him to do but suffer the imprisonment.

In the previous article it was incorrectly stated that "the plaintiff secured a writ of fieri facias on the judgment, but the Sheriff reported no property found to satisfy the judgment. Then the plaintiff asked for a writ of capias ad satisfaciendum against the defendant." The order of arrest was asked for in the first instance, without any previous attempt to collect the debt by execution.

DECISION IS RESERVED  
IN HARGIS BAIL CASEJudge Adams Will Settle Matter Be-  
fore He Leaves Irvine  
Saturday.

IRVINE, Ky., Dec. 30.—The motion for bail for Beach Hargis was made before Judge J. P. Adams yesterday. He reserved his decision, but will settle the matter before he leaves Irvine Saturday.

Judge D. B. Redwine made the plea for bail, citing precedents to support his appeal and Attorney A. Floyd Byrd, for the prosecution opposed granting the young patricide his liberty under any circumstances.

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN  
DIED TUESDAY NIGHTMr. M. Simon Passed Away at Age  
of 65 Years From Complica-  
tion of Diseases.

Mr. H. Simon died at his home on North Main street Tuesday night after an illness of more than a year of a complication of diseases. Mr. Simon was 65 years of age and had been a resident of Winchester for more than twenty years.

He was born in Germany and came to this country when quite young, locating first at Cynthiana. Living there only a short time he came to this city where he has since resided. He was for a number of years engaged in the general merchandise business and later took up the hide and junk business which he was engaged in at the time of his death.

Mr. Simon was one of the most interesting and entertaining characters in the city, always in good humor and of a disposition that won him the friendship of all whom he came in contact with. And his name has been a household word in nearly every home in this city for the last 15 years.

The burial will take place in Cincinnati but the time has not yet been set as it is being withheld pending the arrival of relatives from New York.

## A Woman's Word.

In a case at Southwark, his honor Judge Willis remarked: "I believe in accepting a woman's word—except, perhaps, in some instances connected with dress."—London Standard.

MAYSVILLE AGAINST  
WINCHESTER AT RINKTwo Teams Will Play Broom Ball at  
Auditorium Wednesday  
Night.

A fast and interesting game of broom ball is expected at the Auditorium Wednesday night when the crack team from Maysville lines up against the local lads in an effort to take them into camp. The Maysville team is the oldest team in the league and has been playing some time before the other teams were organized. The home boys realize they have a hard fight on hands, but are confident that they will not have to turn over their honors to their visitors.

CONSUL CHENEY  
AMONG VICTIMSAmerican and Wife Lose Lives at  
Messina—Dead Now Esti-  
mated at 100,000.

Washington, Dec. 30.—That Arthur S. Cheney, American consul at Messina, Sicily, and his wife, lost their lives in the earthquake disaster which devastated that city, is indicated by an official dispatch received by the state department from Stuart Lupton, American vice consul at Messina.

The following dispatch came via Malta, Maltese Islands, in the Mediterranean, being received there by wireless from Messina by Consul William H. Gale, and transmitted by him to the state department:

"The Messina consulate destroyed and consul and wife supposed to be dead."

Consul Gale in forwarding the dispatch by cable added that Lupton is supposed to have escaped. He stated that a British warship had left Malta for Messina to assist in the work of rescue.

Arthur S. Cheney is a native of Illinois, but was appointed consul to Messina from Connecticut Aug. 15, 1907. Stuart Lupton, who is from Tennessee, was only recently appointed vice and deputy consul at Messina and had just arrived at his post, succeeding H. Peirce, an Italian.

Rome, Dec. 30.—As a nation Italy is paralyzed as the details of the earthquake which disrupted the southwestern portion of the peninsula, are being made public.

With government estimates based on reports from enough districts to make it practically certain that the total dead cannot be less than 25,000 and possibly as many more facing death from injuries and exposure, the true awfulness of the catastrophe is revealed. In some quarters it is declared that when the final count has been made it will be found that fully 75,000 persons lost their lives.

With a population of 150,000 and containing many of the most notable structures in Sicily, Messina's fate is told in the two brief words, "blotted out." A victim of the combined wrath of earth and heat and fire, practically nothing is left of what was the second city in the island. To add, if possible, to the misery of an already terror-numbed people Mt. Etna is emitting giant clouds of black, sulphurous smoke and wailing the echoes of the Sicilian mountains with its detonation and rumblings, while a torrent of rain driven before a biting north wind has intensified a hundredfold the anguish of thousands of halfdead provisionless refugees.

In the Calabrian district which was only beginning to recover from the effects of the earthquake of 1905, Reggio is the center of the earth's upheaval. The seaport of Reggio is reported as no longer existing and the city proper is in ruins. The loss of life on both sides of the strait and in eastern Sicily was enormous. One of the refugees from Reggio who was the first to bring the news of the city's destruction, tried to make his way to Sicily in a sail boat, but was compelled to return and finally found safety at a peninsula port. In describing his experience he said: "The sea was strangely, mysteriously agitated and the heavens were ablaze. Nearing Sicily, the clearing smoke revealed the mystery; Messina was in flames. In the frenzy of despair I turned my boat back to Calabria."

Starving, bleeding from injuries and almost insane from their terrifying experiences, Messina's survivors are fleeing in all directions. The spectacle presented by the ruined sea port is described as terrifying. The tumbling buildings, both killed and mutilated, while hundreds of the injured imprisoned in the wreckage were abandoned to their fate by the fleeing populace.

One of those who escaped said: "The earth seemed suddenly to drop and then turn violently on its axis. The whole population, who practically were precipitated from the houses rent in two, were spun around like tops as they ran through the streets. Many fell crushed to death, and others, bewildered, took refuge for breath beside the tottering walls, where they soon met the fate of their companions."

Already British and Russian squadrons have arrived at Messina. Sailors and marines have been disembarked and they have performed courageous acts in rescuing the injured and removing the wounded. A large number of survivors have been transferred to the warships, which are transformed into great floating hospitals. It is imperative that the dead be removed from the ruins in order

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FIFTY MINERS  
ARE ENTOMBEDExplosion Shatters Workings at Lick  
Branch, Va., and Twelve Are  
Taken Out Dead.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 30.—At Lick Branch, a coal operation on the Pocahontas division of the Norfolk & Western railroad, fifty men were imprisoned in a shaft by an explosion of unknown origin.

Fourteen men have been taken from the mine and four of this number are dead.

It is reported that the damage to the mine is very great and the work of rescuing the entombed men is progressing slowly, owing to the presence of fire and smoke in the workings.

At Norfolk & Western headquarters here it is said that owing to the fact that miners are taking a holiday this week in large numbers it is not likely that more than fifty or sixty men were at work in this particular mine at the time of the explosion. It is stated that the Lick Branch mine has a connection with another mine on the other side of the mountain, and that it is possible this mine has been affected.

The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined, and can not be learned until an exploration can be made.

Owing to the fact that Lick Branch is an isolated section and without commercial telegraphic connections with the outside world, full details of the accident are not easily obtainable.

## SHANNON WINS MARATHON

One of Contestants Carried From  
Track at End of Seventh Mile.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—Starting seven miles from Exposition hall, where the holiday indoor athletic meet was held, and running through busy thoroughfares, contestants in the ten-mile Marathon race attracted large crowds.

W. T. Shannon, representing the Edgeworth athletes, won the Marathon, finishing in 1 hour 7 4-5 seconds. Mont. Sleeth of Wilmerding, Pa. was second, time 1 hour 37 seconds. C. T. Patterson of McKees Rocks, after finishing seven miles and two laps, dropped over exhausted and was carried from the track at the rink.

Fears that the six Olympic stars reported placed under the ban by the registration committee would not be permitted to compete were set at rest at the opening of the meet when a telegram from President J. E. Sullivan of the A. A. U. to Manager Joseph H. Thompson was read. In his message President Sullivan said he knew nothing of the suspension of the six men, and hence they were eligible here.

## CONSPIRACY IS CHARGED

Columbus Coal Man Figures In Sen-  
atorial Suit.

Toledo, O., Dec. 30.—Alleging that a conspiracy to defraud had been entered into between E. T. Affleck and Sidney A. McManigal, the Columbus & Hocking Coal company of Columbus, has brought suit here against Mr. Affleck for \$210,000. It is alleged that as a result of a conspiracy to enrich themselves, McManigal as general manager of the coal company, sold to himself and Affleck, as the Affleck Coal company, about 500,000 tons of the plaintiff's coal at a price 42 cents below the market price.

## AT WORK ON CABINET

Hitchcock Arrives at Augusta to Ad-  
vise With President-elect.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 30.—The arrival here of Frank H. Hitchcock, future postmaster general, and the announcement that Senator Knox, Mr. Taft's secretary of state, would be here on the 6th, indicates that the president-elect is to occupy himself actively with cabinet construction. Mr. Hitchcock will remain a week or more, during which time Mr. Taft will obtain the judgment of the national chairman, particularly on the political bearing of appointments under consideration.

Joe Kelly's Appeal.  
Cincinnati, O., Dec. 30.—Joe Kelly, who managed the Boston National league team last season, has appealed to the national baseball commission for a decision on the legality of his two-year contract with Boston. He asks that President Dovey of the Boston club be forced to live up to the letter of the contract and be held responsible for the salary of \$5,500 named in the document for the year 1909. Kelly has been deposed as manager of the Boston team and Frank Bowerman has been appointed to take charge of the men.